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**Cotton Acreage Continues to Rise in Tennessee**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the Acreage and Grain Stocks reports today, showing Tennessee farmers are planting more cotton this year than last.

Upland cotton acreage in Tennessee was estimated at 320,000, up 65,000 acres from 2016. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 12.1 million acres, up 20 percent from the previous year.

"Cotton acreage has increased by 165,000 since the record low set in 2015," said Debra Kenerson, Tennessee State Statistician.

**Other Tennessee Estimations**

Soybeans planted in Tennessee were estimated at 1.75 million acres, up 90,000 acres from 2016. Acres for grain, at 1.72 million, was 90,000 acres above a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2017 was estimated at 89.5 million acres, up seven percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 88.7 million acres, is up seven percent from 2016.

Corn acreage planted for all purposes in Tennessee was estimated at 840,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from 2016. Acres to be harvested for grain was estimated at 780,000 acres, down 50,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2017 was estimated at 90.9 million acres, down three percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 83.5 million acres for grain, down four percent from last year.

Farmers in Tennessee intend to set an estimated 14,000 acres of burley tobacco for harvest. This was 2,000 acres above the 2016 level. Dark fire-cured tobacco acreage set was estimated at 7,500 acres, up 500 acres from the previous year. Dark air-cured tobacco acreage was estimated at 1,300 acres, up 100 from a year ago. Burley producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 80,500 acres, one percent above last year.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Tennessee was estimated at 380,000 acres, 20,000 acres below the previous year. Acreage to be harvested for grain was estimated at 285,000 acres, 50,000 acres below 2016. The U.S. winter wheat planted area was estimated at 32.8 million acres, down nine percent from 2016. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 25.8 million acres, down 15 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Tennessee was estimated at 16,000 acres, up 1,000 from the 2016 crop. All other hay was estimated at 1.85 million acres, up 50,000 from a year ago. The U.S. all hay acreage was estimated at 53.5 million acres, up slightly from 2016.

"Thank you to all agricultural producers for your dedication and service to agriculture, one of the world's most precious assets," said Ms. Kenerson.

NASS gathered data for the June Agricultural Survey earlier this month. Growers provided information on crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventory, cash rents, land values, and value of sales. These surveys make available an objective snapshot of agricultural crop acreages, grain stocks, and other agricultural production in Tennessee.

All reports are available on the NASS website: [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Calendar/reports\\_by\\_date.php](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Calendar/reports_by_date.php).

For more information about Tennessee surveys and reports, call Debra Kenerson at the NASS Tennessee Field Office on (615) 891-0903, or (800) 626-0987, or visit [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Tennessee/](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Tennessee/).

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### Planted and Harvested Acres, June 2017 - Tennessee and United States

	Tennessee				United States			
	Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested <sup>1</sup>		Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested <sup>1</sup>	
	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 <sup>2</sup> (1,000 acres)	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 <sup>2</sup> (1,000 acres)
Corn	880	840	830	780	94,004	90,886	86,748	83,496
Cotton <sup>4</sup>	255	320	250	--	10,073	12,055	9,508	--
Soybeans	1,660	1,750	1,630	1,720	83,433	89,513	82,736	88,731
Wheat, Winter <sup>3</sup>	400	380	335	285	36,137	32,839	30,222	25,760
Hay:								
All	--	--	1,815	1,866	--	--	53,461	53,518
Alfalfa	--	--	15	16	--	--	16,885	17,111
Other, All	--	--	1,800	1,850	--	--	36,576	36,407
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Tobacco:								
All	--	--	20,200	22,800	--	--	319,660	313,600
Burley	--	--	12,000	14,000	--	--	80,000	80,500
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	7,000	7,500	--	--	16,760	17,900
Dark Air-Cured	--	--	1,200	1,300	--	--	6,000	6,300

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with planted or harvested estimates not available are denoted by "--". <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup>

Includes area planted in preceding fall. <sup>4</sup>U.S. acreage includes American Pima cotton.